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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. AFTER LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS, GROUP B
ARRIVED AT AGREED TEXT OF NON-BINDING, WORKING PAPER FOR
LIKELY SUBMISSION TO G-77 IN CONTACT GROUP SCHEDULED FOR
DECEMBER 18 (TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL). CHIEF POINTS OF CONTENTION WERE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVING CANADA AND FRANCE OVER REFERENCE
TO SUPPLY AND MARKET ACCESS AND NORDIC/DUTCH DESIRE FOR MORE
FORTHCOMING POSITION VIS-A-VIS INTEGRATED PROGRAM (IP).
FIRST SUBSTANTIVE MEETING BETWEEN G-77 AND OTHER GROUPS ALSO
SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 18. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT ON CONFERENCE
IS LIKELY TO BE SUBMITTED TO CONTACT GROUP TOMORROW SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH GROUP B PAPER. CHAIRMAN'S DRAFT REPORT WILL ALSO BE
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AVAILABLE. END SUMMARY.

- 2. GROUP B PAPER IS EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED BY CONTACT GROUP DECEMBER 18 WITH APPROPRIATE DISCLAIMERS BY GROUP B CHAIRMAN. PAPER COMPRISES SECTION ON OBJECTIVES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY POLICY AND SECTION ON QUOTE TECHNIQUES UNQUOTE, SETTING OUT VARIOUS MEASURES ON SUPPLY AND MARKET ACCESS WERE MOST IMPORTANT STICKING POINTS DURING LABORIOUS DEBATE BEGINNING DECEMBER 11. CANADA, GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY AUSTRALIA, REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY OBJECTIVE SPECIFYING SUPPLY ACCESS OR SUPPLY SECURITY WITHOUT EXACTLY EQUIVALENT LANGUAGE ON MARKET ACCESS FOR END-PRODUCTS, AS WELL AS COMMODITIES, IN TRADE BETWEEN ALL COUNTRIES. FRANCE, FOR ITS PART, REFUSED TO ACCEPT ANY MARKET ACCESS OBJECTIVE RELATED TO PROCESSED END-PRODUCTS UNLESS LIMITED TO LDCS. FACED WITH ALTERNATIVE OF DEADLOCK OR DELITION OF ANY REFERENCE TO SUPPLY AND MARKET ACCESS (DELETION FAVORED BY CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND EC), US GAINED ACCEPTANCE OF COMPROMISE CONSISTING OF MENTION OF SUPPLY AND MARKET ACCESS OUESTIONS AS ISSUES REQUIRING FURTHER CONSIDERA-TION BY GROUP B. THIS ITEM WAS TREATED SIMILARLY IN SECTION ON TECHNIQUES.
- 3. CURIOUS FACET OF THIS CONFERENCE HAS BEEN LACK OF CONTACT AND DISCUSSION BETWEEN GROUP B AND G-77, APART FROM OPENING GENERAL DEBATE IN PLENARY AND SINGLE CONTACT GROUP MEETING DECEMBER 16, WHICH RECEIVED PRELIMINARY G-77 PAPER. G-77 FINALLY SUBMITTED CONFERENCE PAPER THAT THEY WILL CONSIDER FURTHER AT MANILA G-77 MINISTERIAL IN JANUARY 1976. G-77 PAPER IS USUAL MEXIMUM, ALL INCLUSIVE WISH LIST AND IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GROUP B AS BASIS FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUP.
- 4. AT THIS POINT, MOST LIKELY OUTCOME OF CONFERENCE WILL BE AGREEMENT ON A CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, FOR SUBMISSION TO SEVENTH SESSION OF TRADE DEVELOPMENT BOARD IN MARCH 1976. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT WILL PROBABLY INCLUDE G-77 AND GROUP B TEXTS AS ANNESES. DALE

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